REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-40 were pending in this application. Claims 11, 31, and 39 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-40 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed, claims 1-17, 21-27, and 31-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Harlow et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,206,901) (hereinafter "Harlow"); and claims 18-20, 28-30, and 37-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harlow. To the extent this rejection might still be applied to claims presently pending in this application, it is respectfully traversed.

Examiners Matar and Le are thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the personal interview conducted on December 12, 2002. During the interview, Examiners Le and Matar agreed that Harlow does not teach "generating an outgoing call . . . by the service node." The Examiners also provided Applicants' representative with a copy of a new reference (Eisodorfer, U.S. Pat. No. 5,706,339) that were not cited in the office action. The examiners informed Applicants' representative that the pending claims as recited may read on call transfer/forward.

Independent claims 11 and 31 have been amended to clarify that the outgoing calls are generated by a service node. Independent claims 1 and 21 have not been amended because these

claims already recite the service node limitation. As Examiners Le and Matar have agreed during the interview, Harlow does not disclose the use of a service node to generate an outgoing call, which is a limitation recited in each of independent claims 1, 11, 21, and 31. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the § 102 rejection has been overcome and independent claims 1, 11, 21, and 31, as well as their dependent claims, are in condition for allowance.

With respect to the § 103 rejection of independent claims 29 and 39, the Office Action acknowledged that Harlow does not teach "connecting the incoming call to the telephone that has answered, keeping the incoming call connected through the service node for a predetermined duration, upon expiration of the predetermined duration, withdrawing the service node from the incoming call connection." However, the Office Action asserted that it "is inherent or at least obvious when two calls are being bridged together (e.g., in case transferring calls) . . . one call (leg) must be connected before the other call (leg) is disconnected."

Applicants respectfully notes that each of independent claims 29 and 39 as recited includes a limitation that the service node is not withdrawn until a predetermined duration has expired. As explained in the specification of the present application, for example, from page 20, line 20 to page 21, line 11, keeping the service node on the call for that predetermined duration minimizes a clipping effecting associated with that call. No prior art reference has been cited to render obvious the requirement that the service node is withdrawn after a predetermined duration has expired.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the § 103 rejection has been overcome and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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Attachments: Amended Claims w/ Markings

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

11. (Amended) A method for providing simultaneous ringing service in an advanced intelligent network telecommunication system having a primary wireline telephone connected to a first service switching point, a secondary telephone, and a database, comprising the steps of:

(a) associating the telephone numbers of the primary and secondary telephones in the database;

(b) detecting an incoming call to the primary telephone;

(c) checking the busy/idle status of the primary and the secondary telephones;

(d) generating by a service node a first outgoing call to the primary telephone and a second outgoing call to the secondary telephone if, but only if, both the primary and the secondary telephones are idle; and

(e) upon answering by the primary telephone or the secondary telephone, connecting the incoming call to the telephone that has answered and canceling the call to the other telephone that has not answered.

31. (Amended) A method for providing simultaneous ringing service to a wireline telephone of an advanced intelligent network telecommunication system and a wireless telephone of a wireless intelligent network, comprising the steps of:

(a) associating the telephone numbers of the wireline telephone and the wireless telephone in a database accessible by a service control point;

(b) detecting an incoming call to the wireline telephone;

(c) checking the busy/idle status of the wireline telephone and the wireless telephone;

(d) generating by a service node a first outgoing call to the wireless telephone and a second outgoing call to the wireline telephone if, but only if, both the wireline telephone and the secondary telephone are available to receive calls; and

(e) after one of the wireline telephone and the wireless telephone answers the incoming call, connecting the incoming call to the telephone that has answered and canceling the call to the telephone that has not answered.

39. (Amended) A method for reducing clipping effect in an advanced intelligent network telecommunication system having a service node, a first telephone, and a second telephone, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving from the first telephone an incoming call by the service node;

(b) placing an outgoing call to the second telephone by the service node;

(c) connecting the first telephone to the second telephone;

(d) keeping the first telephone and the second telephone connected through the service node for a predetermined duration; and

(e) upon expiration of the predetermined duration, withdrawing the service node from the connection.